

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 18, 22, and 24-28 are currently pending, with claims 1 and 18 being independent. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5, 8, 27, and 28.

Claim 21 has been canceled in this amendment. Entry of this amendment is believed proper under 37 CFR §1.116 and MPEP §714.12 because the cancellation of claim 21 places the claims in better condition for appeal and because applicant has canceled a rejected claim. Thus, the foregoing amendment does not present any new issue requiring further consideration or search in view of the Examiner's familiarity with this application.

The fee in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the two-month extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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